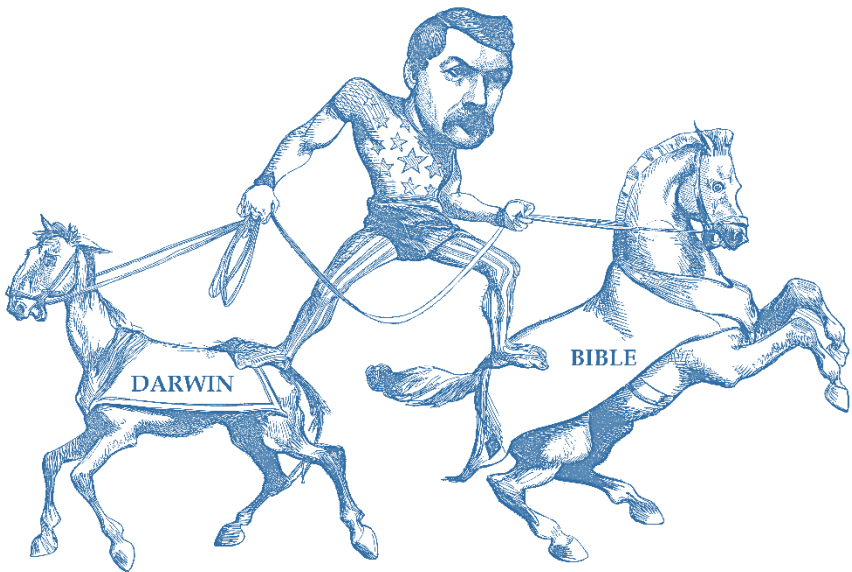


RIDING TWO HORSES:

Problems of Theistic Evolution



"How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him."

—1 Kings 18:25 (NASB)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
Sunday, August 21st, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-first Day of August, *in the Year of our Lord* 2022

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.



As a sub-series within our larger series on Church History, we continue to examine the **Doctrine of Divine Election**, which has been a major issue of contention in throughout Christian History.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"He's Coming Soon"* (#526).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"How Great Thou Art"* (#2).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:1-12.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Special Music: Rocky Barley (*"As the Deer"*).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"Blessed be the Name"* (#22).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"THE PROBLEM OF THEISTIC EVOLUTION."*

Closing Hymn:* *"I Found the Answer"* (#104).

Benediction.*

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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Week of August 14-August 20

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—I6

Midweek Prayer—5; Church Offering: \$635.⁰⁰

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

We are studying Daniel, ch. 5—Belshazzar's Feast of Folly.

Today's Verse for Reflection:

Prov. 18:17: "The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him." (ESV)

AFRICA UPDATE

Dateline: 8/15/22

Dear beloved brethren,

Pastor Salomon arrived home last week safe and sound from Nigeria thanks for your prayers. Salomon was able to establish the practorium there in Jimeta. Pray for the eight men who have committed to be trained. Five men from one church and three from the second church. Pastor Aaron will be the main teacher in practorium with Pastor Elysee helping him.

Thanks for your prayers and gifts,
God bless, Keith

In the vestibule we feature some great library books! J.I. Packer's *Knowing God* is an all-time classic—named by *Christianity Today* as one of the top 50 books that have shaped modern evangelicals.

Basic Biblical Problems with Theistic Evolution

By Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, PA; 8/21/22

1. Theistic evolution rides two horses going in opposite directions. Attempting to find middle ground between creation and evolution, Theistic Evolution ends up pleasing the demands of neither!
2. In a variety of ways, it destroys the integrity of Scripture.
 - i. Biblical History called into question. Is Gen. 1-11 mere myth?
 - ii. Eons of death & decay before the Fall? Creation of new species by Death? When did death originate (Rom. 6:23)?
 - iii. Ignores the specific details of Gen. 1, regarding the time and order of creation-events.
 - iv. Disturbs the entire storyline of Scripture, calling into serious question the basic concept of the earth and mankind being at the center of God's creative & redemptive activity (Heb. 2:5-18).
3. Denies the explicit teaching regarding Adam & Eve's creation (Gen. 2:7-9, 18-25), and provides no clear answer to the following question: "Where did man acquire his *soul*?"
4. Dismisses Adam's historicity—and thus his theological import.
 - i. Adam the antitype of Christ, the Last Adam (Rom. 5, 1 Cor. 15).
 - ii. The Biblical foundation of Holy Matrimony? (Matt. 19:1-12)
5. Defies the Law of "Kind after Kind" (Gen.1), as seen with plants (11-12), marine & avian creatures (21), and land animals (24-25).
6. Desecrates the Person of Christ by transforming the Son of God and the Son of Man into the *Son of Primate* (Heb 10:5).
7. It makes Man akin to the *beasts*—as opposed to a Being that was created in the *image of God*—but fallen into sin. Man's sinful desires are *not* the result of evolutionary processes! (Gen. 2:16)
8. Makes Christ a false witness of the history of the early earth (e.g., Mark 10:6, Luke 11:51).
9. God's Nature Misrepresented.
 - i. It falsely represents of the Nature of God, ascribing death and ghastliness to the Creator, as foundational principles of creation.
 - ii. God becomes a minimal "God of the Gaps" (1 Cor. 8:6, Col. 1:17).

Conclusion. Evolution seems right to some Christians often because they are sadly ignorant of the overwhelming Biblical evidence against it (Prov. 18:17).
